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BRIEFING NOTE FOR DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Operations Plan for BLUE GULL II

PURPOSE:

1. Carrier requalification for Detachment G U-2 pilots.
2. Training of replacement for [REDACTED]

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Detachment G, Landing Signal Officer (LSO).

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. 31 January - Operations plan coordination with Capt Martin D. Carmody, USN, completed and sent to field.
2. 1-3 February - Headquarters team consisting of [REDACTED] (SAS/OSA); [REDACTED] (SS/OSA) and [REDACTED] (SAS/OSA) will proceed to San Diego NAS to brief key staff and coordinate necessary details with USN personnel.
3. 10 February - Ops Order forwarded to field.
4. 13-17 February - Edwards pilots begin mirror landing practice.
5. 17-19 February - Edwards deploys necessary personnel and equipment to San Diego NAS for loading aboard USS Constellation.

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NAVY review(s) completed.

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6. 19-24 February - On one of these dates (to be selected at 1-3 February meeting at San Diego NAS) U-2 carrier qualifications to be accomplished. Probable sequence of events during carrier qualifications is as follows:

0800 - Carrier departs San Diego

0900 - 1100 U-2 from Edwards meets ship at pre-selected set of coordinates and first pilot begins touch-and-go landings (4-3). Upon satisfactory completion of touch-and-go landings pilot will accomplish 2 to 4 trapped landings.

1100 - 1300 Aircraft refueled and second pilot performs same schedule as first pilot.

1300 - If carrier time available, additional pilots will be qualified as time allows.

Note: 0900-1300 timing may allow for 3rd pilot quals. (U-2 returns to Edwards.)

1300 - Personnel returned to beach via S2F aircraft. Carrier may remain at sea until 24 February. Details to be coordinated at 1-3 February meeting.

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3. The Edwards detachment has, during this same time period, [REDACTED] However, it is believed that this operation can be completed in conjunction with and on a noninterference basis to those programs. This is the first time since September 1965 that a carrier deck has been available for a U-2 carrier qualification program. In addition, the present LSO, [REDACTED] is to depart PCS from Edwards AFB approximately 17 March 1967 and this will be the last opportunity for him to fully train his replacement.

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